

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 7, 9-10, 15-16, 18, 20 and 24-35 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 27-31, 33 and 35 are currently amended, Claims 26 and 32 are canceled without prejudice, and Claims 2-5, 7, 9-10, 15-16, 18, 20 and 24-25 and 34 remain unchanged.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on July 21, 2006. Applicants noted that Claims 32-35 were not addressed by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. The Examiner indicated that Claims 32 and 35 should have been rejected based on Ross, similar to Claims 26, 27 and 31, and that Claims 33 and 34 should have objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-5, 7, 9-10, 16, 18, 20 and 24-25 and indication that Claims 28 and 33-34 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 28 is allowable. Dependent Claims 27 and 29-31 depend from independent Claim 28 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Allowable original Claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 33 is allowable. Dependent Claims 34 and 35 depend from independent Claim 33 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 27-31 and 33-35 in addition to previously allowed Claims 2-5, 7, 9-10, 16, 18, 20 and 24-25 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig J. Loest", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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